

"With Cantillon the Plans of His Friend Callahan Are Paramount to the Provisions of the National Agreement and the Interests of the Washington Baseball Club."—Sporting News, March 26.

Joe Cantillon Accused Of Breaking the Terms Of National Agreement

Kind Intentions Toward Keely Stir Up Awful Rumpus—Youngster Will Join Nationals in Chicago—Club Reaches Houston.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 27.—They're off!

The annual baseball row between Joe Cantillon and his old pals of the national commission has been started, and a bruising contest is expected.

It will be remembered that in The Times of March 20, I explained the status of Bert Keely, the Chicago semi-professional in the Washington squad.

No particular importance was attached to the story, which was merely intended to set Washington fans right about this promising youngster. But, sakes alive!

That bit of camp gossip has started a mighty rumpus. It has been used as a ground for attacking Cantillon, who is bearing up bravely, and says there is nothing to the charge he is covering up Keely.

Sporting Paper Butts In.

The Sporting News of St. Louis, in its issue of March 26, has the following editorial:

"The sport lead in The Washington Times of March 20, written by its baseball editor, who is with the Nationals at Galveston, reads as follows:

By THOMAS S. RICE.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 19.—The true inwardness of the status of Bert Keely, the Chicago semi-professional pitcher, who had been training with the Washington Club and made such a hit both as a pitcher and fielder, has come to light.

Washington is not to get Keely. At least, possibly, in a great emergency. Jimmy Callahan, the Chicago semi-pro, magnate, bought Keely's release from another team for \$500, and values the youngster most highly.

Keely, who is a prize that he was in great fear he would be gobbled up by a major league team. Therefore he signed him to a contract where he would get \$2,000 for this year's work. Callahan then got Cantillon to take Keely's place as a pitcher, as a trading measure and as a precaution against tampering by major magnates. In return for this favor, Callahan, who is a professional, agreed to sell the youngster's contract to Washington at the end of the season for what it cost him—namely, \$500. Joe Cantillon said this morning he would willingly give \$2,000 for Keely, but will not interfere with Callahan's plans.

"If the status of Keely is correctly set forth by Mr. Rice, the Washington club, the American League and organized baseball should call Manager Cantillon on the carpet and teach him that it is as much of an offense for a National agreement manager to lend aid and countenance to an outlaw club as it is for a reserved player, who refuses to report to his club, to play with or against a team under the ban. Section 2, Article VI, of the National Agreement reads as follows:

"Any club or league which harbors a player who refuses to observe his contract with a club, or who, by any party to this agreement, or to be considered an outlaw organization, and its claims to contractual and territorial rights ignored."

"Callahan, his club and his league became enemies of organized baseball for violating the section quoted, and have been promptly expelled from the national commission, but if Mr. Rice's statement is true, the Nationals' manager's policy in dealing with parties under the ban of organized baseball is diametrically opposite to that outlined in the basic law of the game. Keely, who has made such a hit as pitcher and fielder, is training with the Washington club, and therefore safe against being tampered with by major magnates. This unique case of covering up has features that appeal to those delegated to enforce the terms and provisions of the National agreement. Keely's contract with Washington, while formal, was not entered into in good faith. The Washington club does not expect the player's services in 1938, and he does not look to it for his salary for the coming season. If it is not binding on the parties, it should not be permitted to serve the purpose for which it was resorted to—that of protecting Callahan's position from National agreement clubs which may desire his services. Cantillon's loyalty to the Washington club is put in question by Mr. Rice's statement, and he would willingly give \$2,000 for Keely, but will not interfere with Callahan's plans.

The national agreement is mandatory on this point. Claims of outlaw clubs to player and territory shall be ignored. With Cantillon, however, the plans of his friend, Callahan, are paramount to the provisions of the national agreement and the interests of the Washington club, to which he is under contract. Now that Keely is an asset

ECHOES FROM NATIONALS' CAMP

Illuminating Sidelights on Careers of Various Players



GEORGE MCBRIDE

McBride Has a Finished Method of Touching Baserunners.

GALVESTON, March 28.—While the fastest in progress at the Rice Hotel in Houston and Hayes was spinning yarns, George McBride, Washington's shortstop, who was with Kansas City last year, joined the party. McBride was known in the association as one of the cleanest and most graceful fielders ever in that circuit. Hayes said of him:

"McBride is the most finished man in touching a runner I ever saw. Instead of slapping the victim in the back or head as I have meant to tell him, he swings around and touches him so lightly that sometimes it is difficult for the umpire to see the contact. On the other hand, because of his easy movement and habit of following the player through the slide he seldom misses one who has overshot the bag, and I have seen him make a number of outs when the runner would have scrambled to safety if an ordinary second baseman or shortstop had the ball."

FINISHES CLOSE AT INDOOR MEET

Large Crowd Sees Good Program at Soldiers' Games.

The individual work of H. G. Royce was the feature of the ninth annual indoor field and track games of the National Guard Athletic Association which were held before a large crowd in the armory gymnasium last night. Royce scored the highest number of individual points by taking three first and one third, which gave him a total of 18. By far the most closely contested race of the evening was that won by the National Guard relay team from the relay four relay team. The losers started off in front and held the lead until the end, but a strong sprint by the third man for the National Guard gave him the team the victory.

In the wall scaling contest, which always proves interesting and spectacular, Company E, of the first, broke the National Guard record. The time set by the winners last night was thirty-four seconds, which is three seconds better than was done last year.

The boxing bout which was scheduled for the evening, between Tommy Love and Kid Sullivan, was called off. Sullivan was in poor condition and the police were on hand to grab him. The bout was connected with the fight they had gone on. To make up for this deficit a bout was arranged between two boys, Master Wilbur, and Master Shreer, who went six fast rounds to a draw.

A decidedly pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the program of acrobatics offered by the DeLay brothers, Lee Smith and "Devil King of the Silver Wire." The last stunt proved the most exciting. Twice Evan broke his wire and was precipitated to the floor, and only his ability in recovering himself saved him from possible injury.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT TO PLAY HOLYOKE

The basketball team of the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A. will play a picked team from the Holyoke (Mass.) high school tonight at 8 o'clock. The Holyoke team is probably one of the farthest north teams that have played in the city this year, and they have a reputation of being a fast team. The Boys' Department line-up will probably be Netzel, right forward; Furgate, left forward; Hildreth, center; Kuehn, right back; Burton, left back.



JERRY FREEMAN

Once Dangerous Clymer Now Harmless as British Boxer.

GALVESTON, March 28.—Otis Clymer and his fighting ability are frequently discussed in gatherings of players down this way, but Otis off the field is always pleasant, somewhat of a humorist, and would never be taken for a bad man.

In his unregenerate days he was noted for going to the base feet first, with his deadly spikes threatening the baseman's life and limb. That was the cause of most of his ructions, and started the row in which he and Blankenship became involved at Cincinnati some years ago when Blank was a Red and Clymer was with Pittsburgh. For the fight that followed Blank was fined \$100 by the National League executive, which was paid by popular subscription. In these days Clymer gives no evidence of a return to his dangerous habits in getting to the bag, and is popular on all sides.

PATTEN'S BATTING FEATURES VICTORY

Colts Trim Kansas City Blue Legs by Score of 11 to 2.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—To the surprise and mystification of his teammates and friends, Case Patten landed for three hits yesterday in a game here between the Washington Colts and Monte Cross' Blue Legs. The score was 11 to 2 in favor of the former.

Although the Blues managed to touch Patten up for a total of nine hits, the old man kept them well scattered, and several times pulled himself out of nasty holes. The Colts started with a rush in the first session and before the home team could stop them, had crossed the plate three times. After that they were never headed.

The Score.

Washington..... 11 3 0 0 0 1 1 0 11
Kansas City..... 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2

First base on balls—off Patten, 2; off Wilson, 1; off Egan, 1; by Egan, 1; by Case, 1. Three-base hits—Hughes, Shipke. Sacrifice hits—Meinke, Stolen bases—Patten (2), Kerwin. Double plays—Krugner to Brasher; Shipke to Smith; Warner to Brasher; Shipke to Smith; Warner to Brasher. Wild pitch—Wilson. Passed ball—Crisp. Umpire—Mr. Owens. Time of game—2 hours.

LAUREL HIGH NINE READY FOR GAMES

LAUREL, Md., March 28.—The Laurel High School baseball team will open the season here about the middle part of April, and are having daily practice in order to be in first-class shape.

The High School made a splendid showing last season, winning fifteen out of twenty games played, and hope to make as good a record this season. George W. Bond, manager of the above team, announces that he has several open dates, and would like to book them with some good teams of the District. The line-up of the team this season will probably be Sullivan, catcher; Brown and Fulton, pitchers; W. Brown, first base; George Bond, second base; Chaney, left field; Sullivan, third base; Odenwald, shortstop; Thawley, right field; Federtine, center field.

THE LITERAL THING.

"I hear Simpson has gone in for the simple life."
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Speculators Walk Home Sadder and Wiser Crowd; Gala Day for Bookies

The Worm Turns and Pencilers Get Sweet Revenge for Losses—Defeat of Samuel H. Harris Big Surprise.

It was the bookies that rode to town from Benning in automobiles last night, the speculators patrolling the trolley and some walked.

The pencilers have been complaining of disastrous losses ever since the meeting opened. Thursday they were badly trounced, and some of them were put down for the count. Yesterday the worm turned, the books got the biggest pay of the meeting, and they kept all the money. It was nothing but disaster after disaster for the bettors from the time that Dr. Lee crossed his legs and fell in the stretch in the first race, carrying with him a tremendous bundle of long green, up to the finish in the last race, when the odds-on favorite Animus, trailed in behind Campaigner and Killiecrankie. Madden's filly, Court Lady, won the two-year-old event, and that was the sole ray of light that pierced the deep gloom of the afternoon.

Biggest Crowd This Year.

The biggest crowd of the meeting was out, and the indication are for a bumper attendance this afternoon. A rattling good card will be served up, with the Washington Nursery, the spring handicap steeplechase, and the Potomac purse as plums. Jubilee and Bellwether will meet in the Potomac, this time at even weight, and it will be a battle worth going to see. If Representative Sims could be induced to ride out this afternoon he might revise his opinion of race tracks.

By the way the racing people are feeling quite chippy about that Sims bill since it has come under the ken of that eminently conservative body, the United States Senate. They feel that nothing will be rashly done in the premises. It was said yesterday that the bill had been referred to a subcommittee, the members of which were absent from Washington, and might not return during this session. Wise old fellows those Senators!

Langdon's Troubles.

Whitely Langdon had his troubles yesterday. A day or two ago he bought Animus and Call Boy from John Madden and yesterday he went in to win them out. Call Boy was entered in the maiden race and looked a cinch there. Whitely and his friends flooded the ring with money and sent Call Boy to the post an even-money favorite, only to be beaten out by Richmond Duke.

To get square, Whitely plunked for the opening day, when he ran so well in the handicap, looked like a moral. The weight of the Bowery dough made Harris a 5-to-10 favorite. The fact that Whitely had \$5,000 to invest in race horses has been spread through the country and has caused the young plunger considerable annoyance. Ever since the fact became known he has been deluged with telegrams reading something like this: "Don't wish to hurry you but we like you to kick in something as soon as possible."

Good Thing Gone Wrong.

One of the best things of the meeting went wrong yesterday, when Samuel H. Harris was defeated by Park Row, a 25-to-1 shot. Harris is owned by P. H. Sullivan and he came on from New York with a large following to back his horse, which on the dope of the opening day, when he ran so well in the handicap, looked like a moral. The weight of the Bowery dough made Harris a 5-to-10 favorite. The fact that Whitely had \$5,000 to invest in race horses has been spread through the country and has caused the young plunger considerable annoyance. Ever since the fact became known he has been deluged with telegrams reading something like this: "Don't wish to hurry you but we like you to kick in something as soon as possible."

Baltimorean's Favorite.

The Baltimore crowd made its usual killing. It is a very frigid afternoon, indeed, when the Monumental City sports do not put something good over

the plate. In the third race they had Goss Fast entered. Woodlane was the favorite here, and all the wise fish said that this was the spot to get hunk for the meeting. The money poured in on Woodlane, and he went to the post a 6-to-5 favorite.

More Behind Fight In New York State Than Mere Reform

A prominent horseman discussing the betting situation in New York yesterday said: "You can bet that there is some power behind this movement against the race tracks stronger and more influential than the reform league or the poolroom element. Somebody with money and plenty of it is pulling the strings. Why, somebody is spending and has been spending for a long time \$2,000 a day to further this campaign against racing. You can gamble that somebody high up is mixed up in this. The battles of Wall Street have been transferred to Albany. It is not racing they are after so much. It is August Belmont's scalp they are hunting. Who was it that said he would make a pauper of August Belmont? That is the man who is trying to kill the race track."

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